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COUNTY OF CHISAGO

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Montzka offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 22/0413-1 REDISTRICTING PLAN OF THE CHISAGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 204B.135, subd. 2 requires that County Commissioner District be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the State Primary election, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2020 Federal Census populations figures shall be used to redistrict the Chisago County Commissioner Districts by April 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Chisago County Board of Commissioners has determined that the population changes in the past 10 years result in a need to redistrict; and

WHEREAS, Chisago County published a three week notice in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the Commissioner's proceedings for the County for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chisago County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the above-referenced statutes, conducted a public hearing on April 13, 2022 to allow public comment, and provided other opportunities for public input and submission of options for redistricting, to be considered by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners hereby redistricts the County of Chisago, and adopt as its 2022 redistricting plan, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 375, the following districts, comprised of the respective townships/cities/precincts:

- **District 1**
 - Cities
 - North Branch Precinct A
 - North Branch Precinct B
 - North Branch Precinct C
- **District 2**
 - Cities
 - Center City
 - Shafer
 - Taylors Falls
 - Townships
 - Amador

- Chisago Lake North
 - Chisago Lake South
 - Franconia
 - Shafer Township
- **District 3**
 - Cities
 - Chisago City
 - Lindstrom
- **District 4**
 - Cities
 - Stacy
 - Wyoming Precinct A
 - Wyoming Precinct B
 - Townships
 - Lent
- **District 5**
 - Cities
 - Harris
 - Rush City
 - Townships
 - Fish Lake
 - Nessel
 - Rushseba
 - Sunrise

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board considered the following principals and standards provided by state and federal standards when evaluating various plans:

- ***District populations may not vary more than 10 percent from the district population mean:*** Chisago County has a population of 56,621. The district population mean is 11,324 people (56,621 divided by 5 districts). A district's boundary would have to be between 10,192 and 12,456 persons to stay within 10 percent of the mean. Ideally districts must be substantially equal in population. Consideration should be given to future growth expectations due to annexations or development over the next decade to ensure the ideal population for each district.
- ***The districts must be composed of compact and contiguous territory.*** A district to the extent consistent with other principles must be compact. Compact is being defined as being as close to a square or circle as possible. These district boundaries, furthermore, must conform to the census tract and census block boundaries.
- ***Political Subdivisions.*** Commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines. Where practicable, the County shall follow the boundaries of established political subdivisions. A city or town must not be divided into more than one district except as necessary to meet equal-population requirements or to form districts that are composed of convenient contiguous territory.
- ***Districts should attempt to preserve communities of interest where that can be done in compliance with other principles.*** 'Communities of interest' is open to interpretation, and may include ethnic interests, rural/urban interests, environmental interests, et cetera. There must be supporting data or information upon which this consideration is identified and used in context of the establishment of districts.



- ***The districts must not dilute the voting strength or racial or language minority populations.*** Racial or language minority populations are not to be divided among districts if the result is to diminish their voting strength. This is primarily a concern for core urban areas and some rural areas in Minnesota.
- ***For Commissioners elected in 2020, a district election is needed in 2022 only if the redistricting results in a shift of population greater than a five-percent difference from the average for all districts.*** With the average population of 11,324, the five percent threshold would be 566 residents shifted. Commissioners must reside in the district when elected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board finds this adopted plan conforms to the statutory requirements and redistricting principles, as follows:

- The adopted plan consists of five districts each containing contiguous territory, being regular and compact in form, and following the boundaries of newly established city and township precincts.
- The adopted plan closely complies with the population standards, as required by law, with the exception of District 1, which has a lower population but has greater continuity for municipal boundaries and services; and District 4 has slightly greater population under the adopted plan, but anticipated annexation of part of the District into an adjacent city and District 3 will bring the population into closer conformity with population equality of the Districts.
- The adopted plan preserves communities of interest as by keeping the City of North Branch in one District (District 1), and the adopted plan allows District 3 to maintain the collaborative nature of services within the cities of Lindstrom and Chisago City.
- The adopted plan is preferred over the second favored plan in light of an overall deviation of less than .6% (or a mere several hundred people) because of the continuity in preserving community interests and municipal boundaries.
- The adopted plan is chosen over the numerically optimal plan and is preferred for the above referenced bases, and the numerical deficiency in the chosen plan is extremely minimal and greater weight is given to continuity of communities compliance with maintaining municipal boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staggered terms were selected by lot as follows:

- District 1 – 4 years, term 2023-2026
- District 2 – 4 years, term 2023-2026
- District 3 – 4 years, term 2023-2026
- District 4 – 2 years, term 2023-2024
- District 5 – 2 years, term 2023-2024
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board directs the County Administrator to file the redistricting plan with the County Auditor-Treasurer to be effective for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and to publish the required map and plan of the new districts in its official newspaper.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the County attached hereto and marked Exhibit A which by reference is hereby made a part hereof.

Commissioner Montzka seconded the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted:


IN FAVOR THEREOF: DuBose, Dunne, Montzka, Greene



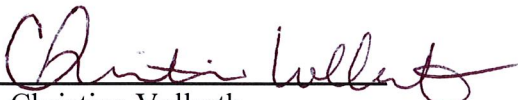
OPPOSED: None.

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly **passed** and **adopted**.

Approved: April 13, 2022



Richard Greene
Chair, County Board

Attest: 
Christina Vollrath
Clerk of the Board

